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PRIOR CONVICTED SEX-OFFENDER PLEADS GUILTY TO WEAPONS POSSESSION

TROY MYLES, 28 of Detroit, pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court to being a prior convicted felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade. Ms. McQuade was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Thomas E. Brandon, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that on May 14, 2010 in the City of Detroit, police officers working in the area of Gunston and McNichols observed Defendant Myles at Sunoco gas station near a white mini-van. While in view, he raised his shirt and the officers observed what appeared to be a handgun. Myles was thereafter approached by the police officers. Myles ran but was almost immediately apprehended and taken into custody by the police. At that time officers removed a loaded .380 caliber Bersa, Thunder pistol from him.

In 2001, **TROY MYLES** had been convicted of the crime of Attempted 3rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct, a felony and was sentenced in the 3rd Circuit Court, Wayne County, Michigan.

The case was among the first cases prosecuted as part of United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade's focus on impacting violent crime in the City of Detroit and the creation of a Violent and Organized Crime Unit.. The cooperative efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Detroit Police Department, Michigan State Police, Wayne County Prosecutor's and Sheriff's Offices, and the United States Attorney's Office, working as the Comprehensive Violence Reduction Partnership have resulted in numerous investigations, arrests and

prosecution over the course of the summer.

MYLES, who was acquitted of an illegal weapons charge in 2004, faces a maximum of ten years in prison when he is sentenced by United States District Judge Julian Abele Cook.

The case was investigated by special agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John O'Brien.